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1. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN, AS HE TOLD GOVENOR SCRANTON ON JULY 20, WILL TRAVEL TO AFRICA AUGUST 22 - 30 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED (PARA 6 REFTEL). EIGIL JORGENSEN, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED TO ME AUGUST 6 THAT FORNMIN HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM HIS COUNTERPART IN ANGOLA AND WILL VISIT THAT COUNTRY IN ADDITION TO MOZAMBIQUE, SUDAN AND LESOTHO. JORGENSEN ALSO NOTED THAT FORNMIN WILL COMUNICATE HIS IMPRESSIONS TO THE SECRETARY ON HIS RETURN FROM AFRICA. TOWARDS THIS END JORGENSEN SUGGESTED THAT I CALL AT FOREIGN OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 1 OR 2.

2. SINCE DANES DO NOT HAVE RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES FORNMIN PLANS TO VISIT, HE MIGHT BE GRATEFUL FOR OUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATIONS THERE AS BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR HIS TRAVELS. IF DEPT CAN PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO AUGUST 13, I WOULD BE ABLE TO HAND IT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. JORGENSEN SAID THAT PRESIDENT NETO WILL BE INCOUNTRY DURING ANDERSEN'S VISIT TO ANGOLA. ANDERSEN HOPES TO MEET WITH HIM IN ADDITTION TO ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER. IN EVENT ANDERSEN CANNOT COVER ALL FOUR COUNTRIES IN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO HIM, WE WILL DROP LESOTHO IN ORDER TO GET FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION IN DEPTH OF ANGOLA. DEAN

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